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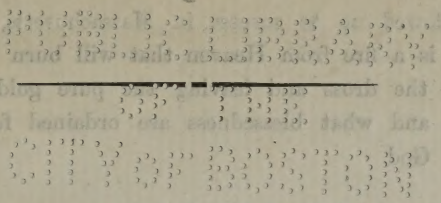

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THE COMMITTEE desire to call the attention of the friends of liberty, in Bristol and the Neighbourhood, to the present position and need of the AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY. They do this the more freely and hopefully, because, in the good providence of God, the issue of the great, vital, world question has now to be decided in the United States. Let Slavery be abolished there, and its universal death-blow will be given. No civilized country will then bind its fetters upon Christ's freemen.

The American Anti-Slavery Society has, from its origin, had one single, simple object—the emancipation of the Slave. Its supporters have been content to work and wait for this as the blessing of Heaven to come in due time upon their labours. Its most zealous Agents have, for this, given up all worldly business, all professional advancement, all hope of outward prosperity,—twenty-five years of life filled with persecutions manifold; and some have died in the struggle, in faith, not having received the promise.

British aid to its funds has, for a long period, chiefly gone in the shape of contributions to the BOSTON ANTI-SLAVERY BAZAAR. The leaders of the cause in America have now determined that the time has come when direct Subscriptions in money will best serve the holy cause. Therefore, they ask British aid in that form, as giving, at once, substantial support and an expression of sympathy in their labours.

They ask this at our hands and hearts because the field of exertion is continually extending, needing more Lecturers, more Agents, more Printing, more of all that sends an electric stream of divine compassion and of eternal justice through the souls of their countrymen, waking them up to a conviction of duty to their coloured brethren,—duty never more to slumber or be lulled to sleep until they shall, equally with themselves, hold, as their own from the common Father, "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

One new mode of action has been adopted which will entail much labour and much expence in working; but which, under the Divine blessing, we trust will prove the

beginning of the end. It is this. A petition is being circulated in Massachusetts, through all its cities, towns and villages, calling upon the Legislature of that State to make it "*free soil,*"—so that no slave can be born there, no human chattel live there, no one be tried and convicted there of being a slave and sent off to impious bondage ; but that every child of God shall stand erect there, in natural and law-protected possession of his rights and liberties.

This movement followed up to success in Massachusetts, the other Free States must catch the flame. And it is a fire from Heaven that will burn with a steady and unquenchable vigour, purging out the dross and leaving the pure gold of State Institutions. It will show what strength and what blessedness are ordained for the people who do what is right in the sight of God.

Signed on behalf of the Society,

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